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Dear Mr. Johnston,

We make reference to your facsimile dated October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2001 asking us to request an election of one of the below listed species for prosecution. We will identify, hereafter, the species that are elected and list all claims readable thereon.

According to the restriction requirement, the different species are listed below:

Species I:	fig 1a-1d
Species II:	fig 2a-2b
Species III:	fig 6a-6b
Species IV:	fig 6c-6d
Species V:	fig 7a
Species VI:	fig 7b

We elect the Species I (figures 1a-1d) which is readable on claims 1-4 and 8-15.

Thus, the election of species I may also protect embodiments shown on figures 6a-6d. Moreover, claims 16-29 are generic because they deal with an AC loop installation including the invention and/or a vehicle equipped with such an installation. Figures 3a, 3b, 4, 5, 8 et 9 are to be considered as generic and used in the application.

We apologize for the delay in our answer. We would greatly appreciate that you fill a written answer to this communication with our species election before November 1<sup>st</sup> 2001 which is the answer due date

Best regards,  
Sincerely,

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